

Memorial Presbyterian Church



Day of Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 9, 2019

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Holy God, who comes to us in breath,
visits us from the throne of heaven,
and sets us aflame with amazement and joy,
you open our paths to new visions
and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom.
Give us faith to trust your presence,
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

Page No. 885

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As they gathered to hear the Word proclaimed on that first Pentecost,

so too, we gather today to celebrate the coming of the Spirit.

Awe came upon the community of faith as they encountered the living Lord.

**Make us aware, Holy Spirit, of the majesty and awe of God's
continuing presence.**

Let us worship God!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Here in This Place

Hymnal, No. 401

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of rushing wind and dancing flames, we confess that we have
too often resisted the urgings of the Spirit and turned away from
those who are different. You seek to enlarge our understanding and
bridge our divides, but we cling to that which is comfortable and
known. We have hoarded our resources out of fear rather than
following the example of your earliest church and sharing with all
as any have need. Forgive our lack of trust in You. Fill us with your
Holy Spirit, personally and as the church, as on that first Pentecost.
Embolden us to live renewed and transformed lives as disciples of
our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

(Time of silent reflection)

Friends, hear and trust the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Hymnal, No. 582

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Charlotte Lovett

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Charlotte Lovett

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:14-17

Page No. 919

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RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:25-27

Page No. 877

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MESSAGE

The Spirit Gives Life

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

On Pentecost They Gathered

Hymnal, No. 289

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us. ... We believe that by the power of the same Spirit, the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit. ... We testify that today this same Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. ...The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world and assures us that we shall be one.

from A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of the People

Response: Hymnal, No. 469:

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

(Please say the Lord's Prayer in your preferred Language)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

Hymnal, No. 290

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Will Go Out with Joy

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for June 16: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

The **Food & Shelter** item of the month for June is *peanut butter*. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Karen & Paul Upton.

Guest pianist today is Lindsey Bertram. Welcome, Lindsey!

Vacation Bible School will be July 15-18 from 6pm-8pm.

Bulletin cover is by artist Heather Thum-Gerber.

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Jim Eckel
Laura Eckel
Doug Forsyth
Alice Lanning
Jayelle Martin
Jona Thiessen
Devyn Upton
Karen Upton
Harry Wright
Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty Silman whose husband Bill Silman died on March 17.

Harry Wright whose daughter Tracy Garland died on March 30

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Cameroon and pray for the unrest our brothers and sisters are experiencing there.

Birthdays

June 9– Briana Bliss

Todd Forsyth

June 11– Paul Phelps

June 12– Cassandra Upton

June 14– Lyne-Maris Sama

June 16– Zyan Autry

Anniversaries

June 15 – Wade & Amanda Forthman

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Botswana, Zimbabwe**

We are **thankful** for:

- the prophetic witness of churches to protest injustices and advocate good governance
- efforts that have been made to stem the spread of HIV and AIDS and to treat those affected
- economic progress that improves the lives of all
- the iconic animals and minerals in these lands and measures to protect them from being exploited.

We **pray** for:

- fair election of democratic governments to counter instability, violence and human rights abuses
 - stable economies that enable all people to prosper and live in justice and peace
 - effective measures to improve the health and life expectancy of all
 - the biodiversity and animals present in these lands, and measures to preserve them
- the herders and farmers who continue to raise cattle and food, despite droughts and desertification.